

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 94

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A RESOLUTION relative to Insure Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the Stop Obamacare Act of 2014 prohibited the Governor from expanding enrollment in TennCare, which is Tennessee's Medicaid program, without a joint resolution of the General Assembly authorizing that expansion; traditional Medicaid expansion may not be an option available to the Governor unilaterally; and

WHEREAS, the Governor seeks to enroll certain persons ages 19 and 20 in TennCare, a joint resolution of the General Assembly is required to authorize the Governor to undertake that expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Plan and the Healthy Incentives Plan would not expand the enrollment of Tennessee's Medicaid program, the General Assembly need not undertake any additional resolution in order to authorize the Governor to begin implementation of Insure Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly maintains its authority in approving the annual budget to address Insure Tennessee substantially as described in TennCare Demonstration Amendment #25 just as it has had in addressing prior TennCare Demonstration Amendments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the Governor be authorized to do all that is necessary and appropriate to expand enrollment in Tennessee's Medicaid program to those otherwise eligible persons ages 19 and 20, substantially as described in TennCare Demonstration Amendment #25.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly confirms the Governor's authority to implement the remaining portions of Insure Tennessee substantially as described in TennCare Demonstration Amendment #25 with no further joint resolution of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor, to the extent necessitated by the Stop Obamacare Act of 2014, is authorized to continue the implementation, administration, and operation of Insure Tennessee under this authorization only if the program is financed by the federal government or financed by both federal funds and hospital assessment funds to cover any remaining state share as a result of a reduction in federal funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for transmittal to the Governor.